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Sir:

Applicants hereby petition the Director under 37 CFR § 1.181 and MPEP § 711.03(c) to withdraw the holding of abandonment of the above-identified application.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on April 16, 2004 stating that the application was abandoned due to Applicants' failure to respond to the Final Office Action mailed July 30, 2003.

However, Applicants timely filed on September 30, 2003 a Petition For Another
Two Months Extension Of Time and a Notice Of Appeal to the July 30, 2003 Final Office
Action. Both the Petition and the Notice Of Appeal contained the requisite Certificate Of

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Mailing certifying that those documents were indeed timely filed on September 30, 2003. 37 C.F.R. § 1.8. A copy of Applicants' Notice of Appeal and Petition For Another Two Months Extension Of Time are attached hereto as Exhibit A and B respectively.

Further, the return receipt postcard duly stamped by the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 3, 2003, acknowledging receipt of: (1) Notice of Appeal and duplicate copy; (2) Petition For Two-Month Extension Of Time and duplicate copy; (3) Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP check for \$160.00; (4) Kramer Levin Naftalis & Frankel LLP check for \$410.00; and (5) Certificate of Mailing dated September 30, 2003 by the United States Patent and Trademark Office, is attached as Exhibit C. Copies of items (3) and (4), i.e., the checks for the amounts of \$160.00 and \$410.00, respectively, are attached as Exhibit D.

Therefore, withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment, and reinstatement of the pendency of the application in consideration of the Applicants' Notice of Appeal is respectfully requested so that Applicants may proceed to timely file an Appeal Brief in the above captioned application.

No fee is believed due. If there are any such fees, the Director is authorized to charge and deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. <u>50-0540</u>.

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